11 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Counterintelligence Operations, DDO

SUBJECT:

Special Report Interagency Committee on

Intelligence (Ad Hoc)

- 1. I am returning to you copy 3 of the so-called "Hoover Report" together with copies of some of the documents which Mr. Dean kept to himself and then turned over to Judge Sirica. As you know, Judge Sirica had these delivered to Mr. Dash, Chief Counsel of the Ervin Committee.
- 2. On reviewing the Hoover Report with we agreed that we could make a case for continued classification of certain items which I have marked with brackets in the report. I am also attaching a handwritten list of the pages involved. FBI, DIA, and NSA also marked portions which they similarly felt should be classified. These were all based on intelligence community considerations. We did not believe the status of the report itself was a matter for the intelligence community to report on as it was a White House paper.
- 3. The report and the Dean papers were deposited by Mr. Dash, on the instructions of Senator Baker, with Mr. George F. Murphy, Jr., Deputy Director of the Staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, for safekeeping in the secure facilities of JCAE, and Senator Baker instructed Mr. Murphy to obtain guidance on the classification from the executive branch.

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4. I met with Mr. Murphy at his request and indicated portions of the report which CIA felt were classified and said that he should consult further with the FBI, DIA, and NSA. He did so at a meeting when I was present, and they indicated the portions of the report which they thought were classified. Mr. Murphy called me today to say that he had discussed the classified items with Chairman Ervin, who apparently agreed that they should be protected. Mr. Murphy further said that the Chairman had correspondence with the White House as to the over-all status of the report. Apparently, an agreement was reached to protect the details of the report. Accordingly, the report has been returned to Mr. Murphy for safekeeping until the proceedings are over, at which time a final decision will be made as to its disposition.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON Office of General Counsel

Attachment Subject Report

cc: Mr. Colby IG OLC

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